

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "My brain and my heart are my temples; my philosophy is kindness." ~ Dalai Lama

August 20, 2014

Vision Screening Training - Aug. 24

Each year the Bloomington Lions Club offers free vision screening to Monroe County children. There is no need to join the club to volunteer to be a part of this wonderful service to our schools. Volunteers will be trained to use the Optecvision screening equipment on Aug. 24. Screenings in the schools will start on Sept. 2, with numerous dates and times to volunteer. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Monica Clemons at (812) 339-3738 or clemons.mm@sbcglobal.net. (www.bloomingtoncentrallions.com)

Monroe Lake Cleanup - Sept. 7

A summer of fun at Monroe Lake creates more than memories - it also results in a lot of trash! On Sept. 7, 100 volunteers are needed for a large shoreline cleanup in the Cutright Area to make the lakeshore an inviting habitat for both people and wildlife. Please register by Sept. 3. This effort focuses on remote areas of the shoreline, so boats will transport volunteers and trash. The cleanup begins at 1:30 p.m. and concludes with a free cookout for volunteers at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old; ages 10 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up at http://bit.ly/MonroeCleanup2014. Questions? Contact the Paynetown Activity Center at (812) 837-9967 or jvance@dnr.in.gov. (www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm)

Wylie House Docent

The Wylie House Museum welcomes applicants for docents, also called tour guides. If you are interested in local history, this is an opportunity to learn about life in the 19th century and gain museum experience in the process.

Docents will be trained to give historically accurate tours of the Wylie House Museum, home of IU's first president, Andrew Wylie. Tours are offered 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Tues. through Sat. between March 1 and Nov. 30. Docents are asked to give a minimum of two 2-hour weekday shifts per month. Volunteers must be able to climb steps, as there is no elevator in this 1830s home. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Carey Beam at (812) 855-6224 or libwylie@indiana.edu. (www.indiana.edu/~libwylie)

Crawford Apartments Programs

Crawford Apartments provide safe, affordable housing to individuals facing challenges such as chronic homelessness, addiction, and disability. Evening and weekend programming is being organized for the residents, as they adjust to living alone in apartments. Volunteers will organize movie nights, bingo games, or music or sports nights. If you have basic computer skills, sing or play the guitar, are a Colt's, Pacer's, or IU fan willing to watch games with the residents, or have a hobby to share, you are welcome to join an activity night. Individuals and groups are invited to volunteer. This is a good opportunity for IU students to give back to the community. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jennifer Deam at (812) 822-3748 or jrdeam@gmail.com.

Circles Initiative Americorps Members

Circles Initiative Americorps Members will act as Volunteer Coordinators for one year and will recruit, train, interview, schedule, and supervise volunteers. AmeriCorps Members will be provided with a living allowance and educational stipend upon completion of service. Requirements: two years of college with experience in Social Work, Family Development or related field, and experience in volunteer management, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. For details and an application, see www.insccap.org and click the Jobs tab. Please submit an ACMS application, cover letter and resume to SCCAP, 1500 W. 15th St., Bloomington, IN 47404. Minimum age is 19. Questions? Contact Linda Patton, South Central Community Action Program, at (812) 339-3447 ext. 206 or lindap@insccap.org. (www.insccap.org)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Monroe County Public Library

Enriches individual lives and strengthens our community by offering equitable access to information and opportunities for literacy, learning, and enjoyment. To grant a wish, contact Michael Hoerger at mhoerger@mcpl.info or (812) 349-3050. (303 E. Kirkwood Ave.; www.mcpl.info)

Wishes: crayons, glue sticks, index cards, pocket calendars, Legos, Bloomington Transit bus passes, gas cards, pipe cleaners, googly eyes

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

